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Enhance your program by supporting your staff

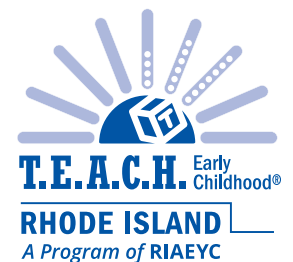
Tell them about a unique scholarship program for early childhood educators

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood RI is managed by:



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What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Rhode Island Scholarship Program?

- ✓ **A workforce development opportunity** that benefits both child care programs and its staff and shows each's commitment to improving the quality of early care and education for young children and their families.
- ✓ **A nationally recognized and research-based financial-assistance program** that provides substantial funding for tuition, books, and other associated expenses in the form of a scholarship to qualified early childhood educators who are seeking to obtain degrees and higher education opportunities in the field of early childhood education.
- ✓ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood RI currently supports programs of study at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and Rhode Island College (RIC).

What are the Employer's Commitments?

- 1 Provide a small portion of the tuition cost
- 2 Provide the scholarship recipient with at least 3 hours of paid release time each week, (reimbursed by T.E.A.C.H.), while classes are in session
- 3 Award the scholarship recipient with a raise upon completion of contract conditions

What are the Employee's Commitments?

- 1 Attend classes and successfully complete courses
- 2 Pay a small portion of the tuition cost and books
- 3 Agree to remain working for the sponsoring child care program for at least 1 year after the completion of contract



What are the Benefits to Participating?

- ✓ Allows you to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and professionalism of your staff around early childhood education
- ✓ Enhances your program's quality and improvement efforts to advance within the BrightStars rating process
- ✓ Can reduce classroom staff turnover ... *Across the U.S., the average annual retention rate of T.E.A.C.H. scholars is at least 94%*
- ✓ Increases your staff's professional status and job satisfaction



Who do I contact for more information?

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